MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: February 5, 2016

RE: South Carolina Department of Education-District Technology Advisory Group
(SC-DTAG)

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is creating a new opportunity for districts and the SCDE to collaborate on technology-related projects and district needs/requirements. This effort is being taken to foster an environment that will expand education technology among all districts.

It is envisioned that South Carolina Department of Education-District Technology Advisory Group (SC-DTAG) will serve in an advisory capacity to the agency. The advisory group will consist of the main group (SC-DTAG) and include three sub-advisory areas: Information Technology (ITAG), Data Systems (DSAG), and Information Security/Privacy (ISPAG).

SC-DTAG will facilitate communication and collaboration between the districts and the SCDE. SC-DTAG is not intended to replace or be a substitute for any existing professional technology organizations such as the SC Association of School Librarians, the District Technology Leaders Roundtable, or other district technology meetings/organizations. SC-DTAG will work with the SCDE to develop a more comprehensive framework where ideas can be shared, suggestions and recommendations can be made, and issues and solutions around technology infrastructure and systems, information security, and data management can be addressed.

Every district superintendent (or designee of the superintendent) can nominate up to two (2) candidates for each sub-advisory area (total of six nominations). Individual nominees can only serve on one sub-advisory area during his or her term. The initial terms will vary in length. Six people will serve a one-year term, six people will serve a two-year term, and six people will serve a three-year term. After inception, all terms will be three years. Candidates must be a full-time district employee who possesses knowledge, skills, and expertise in the area where they may potentially serve. There will be a total of eighteen (18) district representatives (six per sub-group). Also, there will be one SCDE agency facilitator for each subgroup of SC-DTAG.

Once nominated, an electronic voting process will take place. This will allow every district superintendent (or designee) to select six (6) members for each of the three (3) sub-advisory areas. Membership will be based on representation of three (3) tiers defined by the SCDE. Elected district representatives may serve up to three (3) consecutive yearly terms after reentering the nomination and voting process.

The nomination process for the 2016 SC-DTAG sub-advisory groups will begin during the month of February 2016. All district superintendents will receive an individual request to submit nominations.

An overview of each sub-advisory group is included with this memo for your review and consideration.

Enclosure

cc: District Technology Leaders